

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DEPILLO DAVID S

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
111 NORTH WALL STREET  
(Street)

SPOKANE, WA 99201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/ [STSA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/13/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
EVP/Vice Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/13/2014		F	2,227 D \$ 33.03	10,715	D	
Common Stock	03/13/2014		M	9,692 A 11	20,407	D	
Common Stock	03/13/2014		F	3,291 D \$ 33.03	17,116	D	
Common Stock	03/13/2014		M	6,557 A 12	17,116	D	
Common Stock					41	I	401k Plan

Common Stock	237,273	I	The DePillo Family Trust
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	03/13/2014		M	9,692	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	9,692
Restricted Stock Unit	(4)	03/13/2014		M	6,557	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	6,557

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEPILLO DAVID S 111 NORTH WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201			EVP/Vice Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Lara L. Hemingway,  
attorney-in-fact

03/17/2014

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents the vesting and settlement of 9,692 shares of Sterling common stock pursuant to restricted stock units vested on March 13, 2014.
- (2) Represents the vesting and settlement of 6,557 shares of Sterling common stock pursuant to restricted stock units vested on March 13, 2014.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Sterling common stock originally granted on October 30, 2012. 25% of the restricted stock units vested on March 13, 2014. The remaining 50% is scheduled to vest on March 13, 2015.  
Each restricted stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Sterling common stock originally granted on March 13, 2012. 75% of the restricted stock units vested on March 13, 2014. The remaining 25% of the restricted stock units are scheduled to vest on March 13, 2015.
- (4) 2012. 75% of the restricted stock units vested on March 13, 2014. The remaining 25% of the restricted stock units are scheduled to vest on March 13, 2015.

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